



# **DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT**

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## **PLACEMENTS DOWN 1%**

For the week ending December 04, 2004, growers placed 11.0 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 0.8% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.0 million) were unchanged from the comparable week in 2003. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.4 million, a decrease of 2.4% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 8.5 million for the week ending November 27, 2004 compared to 8.6 million slaughtered during the same week in 2003.

## **BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA**

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/ PREV YR	CURR YR	CHICKS HATCHED 1/ PREV YR	CURR YR	CHICKS PLACED 2/ PREV YR	CURR YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
10/09/04	13,044	13,015	10,214	9,942	10,214	9,943
10/16/04	12,214	12,876	10,867	11,112	10,867	11,115
10/23/04	12,418	12,586	10,812	11,151	10,812	11,151
10/30/04	13,799	13,314	10,787	10,807	10,787	10,809
11/06/04	14,064	13,554	10,123	10,760	10,123	10,760
11/13/04	13,201	13,074	10,380	10,553	10,380	10,553
11/20/04	13,508	13,337	11,445	11,156	11,445	11,156
11/27/04	13,859	13,803	11,653	11,306	11,752	11,306
12/04/04	13,695	13,369	10,958	10,956	11,048	10,956

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

\* Revised.

## **NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/**

	WEEK ENDING 12/11/04	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	64.08	63.96	61.86	61.25
12-City Composite 2/	68.43	68.43	67.76	65.37

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.